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The International Search Report from the Japanese Patent Office issued in the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application derives is enclosed and cites JP-4-111800, JP 10-305420, U.S. Patent No. 5,211,805, the Midorikawa article, WO 02/22301, the Sano article, the Miura article and the Hayashi article. The International Preliminary Examination Report was previously submitted.

The relevance of the remaining non-English language documents can be understood from the figures respectively therein and the English language abstracts.

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The referenced documents are listed on the PTO Form 1449. Applicants respectfully

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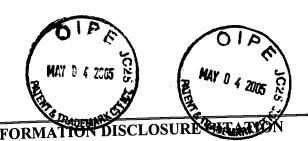
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